

# **MEDIA ALERT**

**For Immediate Release  
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The King County Superior Court has completed its review of the Petition to Summon a Grand Jury, requested by the Estate and Family of the Late John T. Williams. The Petition raises for consideration serious issues of public concern regarding both police-community relations and the relations between the branches of government. The judiciary is particularly mindful of the essential need for public trust and confidence in all levels of our justice system – from the street to the courthouse. Honoring this need calls for both a sensitivity to individual cases and also a respect for our longstanding civic values. In this spirit, the Superior Court bench has engaged in thoughtful deliberation culminating in the entry of the attached order, signed by the Presiding Judge.

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**FILED**  
KING COUNTY WASHINGTON  
SEP 15 2011  
SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING**

IN RE: PETITION TO SUMMON  
GRAND JURY,

ESTATE AND FAMILY OF THE LATE  
JOHN T. WILLIAMS

) 11-2-09964-4 SEA

) ORDER ON PETITION TO SUMMON A  
) GRAND JURY PURSUANT TO RCW  
) 10.27.030  
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The court having received a Petition to Summon a Grand Jury from attorneys  
representing the estate of the late John T. Williams

And having reviewed such Petition with attachments, including the statutory authority in  
support of said petition

And having made available to all Judges of the King County Superior Court for their  
review and consideration copies of all material submitted by petitioner including a CD of the  
inquest hearing previously held and referred to in said petition

And having discussed the petition in an all Judges' meeting

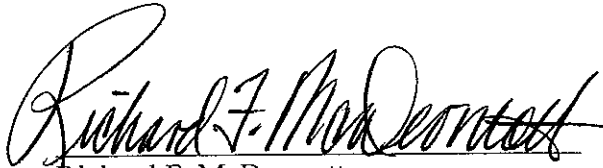
And having conducted a vote of all judges of the King County Superior Court consistent  
with the requirement of RCW 10.27.030, with a majority of judges having declined to summon a  
grand jury,

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ORDER ON PETITION TO SUMMON A GRAND JURY  
PURSUANT TO RCW 10.27.030

1 It is hereby ordered that the Petition to Summon a Grand Jury pursuant to RCW  
2 10.27.030 is denied.

3 Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

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7 Richard F. McDermott  
8 Presiding Judge  
9 King County Superior Court  
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